

New Brunswick, N.J.
Oct. 7th, 1926

Operative C.Morgan.

105.567-OPRPT-CM

Re: Cake and Brayton

Operative went to the home of Lawrence Cake, 201 Eastern Ave. and spoke to Mrs. Cake, who informed me that Mr. Cake had been over to the Phillips Farm the day the bodies were found. There were 50 or 75 other people there and that he saw the bodies.

Operative asked Mrs. Cake if her husband had told her that he saw any papers or marks or scratches on the bodies and she replied that he did not tell her of seeing these things. Mrs. Cake then stated that some one came to her home from Mr. Underwood's office and took Mr. Cake with him and told them the same story she was telling me.

Mrs. Cake then said, "I don't know why Mr. Cake is dragged into this, as he did not say anything about marks or scratches to anyone." Operative asked Mrs. Cake when her husband would be home and she replied that he gets in about 6 P.M.

Re: Brayton.

Operative then went to 107 Somerset St. and was told by a lady in the basement that Mr. Brayton was not living there any longer, and advised that I go to #96 Eastern Ave. and there see Mrs. McLaughlin, who may be able to tell where Mr. Brayton is.

Proceeded to 96 Eastern Ave. and interviewed Mrs. McLaughlin, who stated that Mr. Brayton was in business on George Street, but she did not know the number.

Operative located Mr. Brayton at 421 George St. and asked him if it is true that he saw Dr. Hall's hands all scratched and papers lying around the bodies. He replied that he would not have been dragged into this, only he had an argument in a bar room with a party and that is how his name was mentioned. Operative asked him if he made a statement and he stated that he did. That one of the men from Underwood's office took him there and he made a statement. He then said "I don't want to be dragged into this and will not talk."

In the evening accompanied by Mr. Thompson we went to Nellie Russell's home, but found no one there. We then went to the Cake home, but there was no one there either. We then returned to the hotel.

Respectfully submitted;

C.M.

105.567-OPRPT-DT New Brunswick, N.J.

October 11th, 1926

RE: SIGOURNEY SMITH

I interviewed George Davison, who conducts a candy and cigar store at 64 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, N.J. Davison was employed there by the Elmwood Cemetery at the time of the murder.

He informed me that he knew a man named Smith who was employed there at the time as a grave digger; that he had never spoken to him over once or twice and that he had never heard Smith refer to the murder in any way.

Respectfully yours,

DAVID THOMPSON